

CLEAN WATER AMENDMENTS OF
1995

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 961) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act:

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge all my fellow Members to vote for H.R. 961, Clean Water Act Amendments. This is much needed legislation. The Clean Water Act includes an unfunded Federal mandate which places a terrible toll on our State, county, and local governments and the taxpayers who pay their bills.

In my hometown of San Antonio, TX, the Federal stormwater regulation—a provision of the Clean Water Act—has forced the municipal water districts to raise taxes on property owners. This egregious assessment is listed on monthly water bills as the FED STMWTR FEE, so constituents know this levy is a direct result of Federal mandates. Let me tell you, they are upset.

Many small businesses' water bills have risen from \$30 to \$200 a month. This is money that could have gone for employee raises or company improvements and investments.

The city of Laredo, TX, also in my district, faced a \$3 million-a-year bill from unneeded stormwater regulation. This city on the border with Mexico has to comply with United States Federal regulations while Nuevo Laredo, it's sister community on the Mexican side, does not. This means that the discharged water does not get any cleaner. The stormwater fee is irrelevant in Laredo, but it's required. In fact, it is a lot like money flowing down a sewer. Well intentioned, but of no practical use.

Please vote for this sensible legislation. Far too many American communities are in dire financial situations and cannot afford these costly and, in many cases, unnecessary burdens.

THE RIVER BEND NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION, NEIGHBORHOOD
FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND
THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL
GROUP**HON. GREG GANSKE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the River Bend Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Financial Corporation and the Principal Financial Group. This partnership has been recognized for its achievements in creating and implementing a comprehensive neighborhood action plan. The partnership is one of six partnerships in the United States which will receive Social Compact's 1995 Outstanding Community Investment Award.

I had the pleasure and the privilege of visiting River Bend this past weekend. In the 6 years since the partnership began, this com-

munity which was once comprised of drug dealers, prostitutes and decaying and abandoned houses has become a neighborhood of homes and families. Residents are no longer afraid to walk down neighborhood streets and 161 homes have been salvaged or reconstructed. Crime is down. Pride is up.

Our country should follow River Bend's lead. This neighborhood is a prime example of how people can help themselves. River Bend was given a helping hand by the financial services industry, the City of Des Moines, and Polk County—not a handout by the Federal Government.

I encourage more neighborhoods in our Nation to strive to accomplish the level of excellence which River Bend has achieved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
URGES SUPPORT OF SMALL
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, recently the General Assembly in my State of Rhode Island recently passed a resolution urging the Congress to support the 7(a) and 504 programs of the Small Business Administration.

In my age when thousands of jobs are being created by small businesses, and thousands of people are finding new career opportunities as entrepreneurs, it is more important than ever to support these two important programs. We turn back on America's future when we fail to support these two initiatives.

In the upcoming budget debate I hope my colleagues will listen to and heed the wisdom contained in this resolution which reads as follows:

Whereas, the U.S. Small Business Administration was created in 1953 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to foster the growth of small entrepreneurs, and

Whereas, our Nation's economic prosperity is linked directly to the health of the small business community, and

Whereas, the Rhode Island business community is comprised of over 97 percent small businesses, and

Whereas, small businesses have grown 49 percent since 1982, they employ 54 percent of the American work force, account for 50 percent of the gross domestic product, and account for 71 percent in new job growth in 1993, and

Whereas, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 and 7(a) financing programs are a public/private partnership that leverages private dollars and allows for continued access to capital for Rhode Island's small business community, and

Whereas, SBA's technical resources including the Small Business Development Center at Bryant College and the Service Corps of Retired Executives provide much needed counselling to the Rhode Island small business community, and

Whereas, the Rhode Island SBA District Office has approved over 800 loans totalling \$160.5 million in guarantee and 504 financing to the Rhode Island small business community from October 1992 to present, and

Whereas, this financial assistance has played a vital role in reviving the Rhode Island economy; now be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plan-

tations hereby respectfully requests the United States Congress to financially support the U.S. Small Business Administration and its 7(a) and 504 financing programs, as well as its education/training and advocacy programs, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and the President of the United States Senate, and to the Rhode Island Delegation in the Congress of the United States.

HONORING ROBERT E. MILLS

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to one of California's outstanding citizens, Robert E. Mills on the 40th anniversary of his company, Associated Engineers.

Robert E. "Bob" Mills, a registered engineer, founded the private consulting firm of Associated Engineers in 1955. Mr. Mills, using his acumen and entrepreneurial skills expanded the company to include all aspects of construction management, civil engineering, and survey work. This work included general civil infrastructure design and construction for industrial, commercial and residential developers, counties and municipalities, flood control districts, school districts, public and private water agencies, and State and Federal highway departments. In his ongoing pursuit of excellence Mr. Mills invented the Cutaline, an asphalt cutter which consists of a circular wheel on a special arm which is connected to a road grader. The Cutaline does in 1 hour what it would take three men, 2 days to do.

As one who believes in the value of community service, Bob has served the community as chairman of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District Zone I Advisory Committee, chairman of Economic Development for the Upland Chamber of Commerce for 9 years, the board of directors for the California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, chairperson of the Grading Committee, which instituted changes in the State of California Uniform Building Code, the American Red Cross, the Upland Kiwanis Club, the United Fund, YMCA, and on the board of trustees of the Congregational Church in Ontario.

I commend Bob on his outstanding and worthwhile achievements and congratulate him on 40 successful years of Associated Engineers.

EUGENE AND EARL BLACK—91
YEARS OF COMBINED, DEDICATED SERVICE**HON. GLENN POSHARD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to two brothers who have, for over four decades, made a tremendous contribution to their communities. Eugene and Earl Black have served their friends and